

10/18/76

TELETYPE

URGENT

~~CLASSIFIED BY SP6 Ag / CAB
REASON (C)
DECLASSIFY ON: 1
Appeal # 90-0171
39063 ELD/BCE/gpb 5/18/01
Argentina Project~~

F18 Z OCT 76

FM BUENOS AIRES (109-2) (109-103) (P)

TO DIRECTOR (109-12-201) PRIORITY -18

BT

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

FOREIGN POLITICAL MATTERS-ARGENTINA; IS-ARGENTINA; ARGENTINE
TERRORIST ACTIVITIES; FPM-ARGENTINA.

~~DATE: 7-10-96 BY: SP6 Ag / CAB / HRP/10-16-96~~

OCTOBER 17, 1976 WAS THE ANNIVERSARY OF PERONIST LOYALTY
DAY WHICH MARKED THE RELEASE OF FORMER ARGENTINE PRESIDENT JUAN
DOMINGO PERON FROM MILITARY CUSTODY ON OCTOBER 17, 1943, ALLOW-
ING HIM TO BE SUBSEQUENTLY ELECTED PRESIDENT OF ARGENTINA.
OCTOBER 17TH IS TRADITIONALLY CELEBRATED BY PERONISTS AND THEIR
SUPPORTERS THROUGHOUT ARGENTINA.

ON OCTOBER 17, 1976, A CONFIDENTIAL SOURCE ABROAD WHO IS
AN OFFICIAL WITH THE STATE SECRETARIAT FOR INFORMATION (SIDE),
AN ARGENTINE INTELLIGENCE AGENCY, PROVIDED THE FOLLOWING
INFORMATION: ~~(S)~~ (U)

AT APPROXIMATELY 12:05 A.M., OCTOBER 17, 1976, A POWERFUL

- 5 - Bue (109-2)
- (1 - 109-103)
- (1 - 105-767 Montoneros)
- (1 - 80-84 Dr. Poiré)
- (1 - 80-217 Carlos Vicente Marcotte) ~~(S)~~ (U)

RWS:gjk (5)

80-217

~~[Large X mark]~~

PAGE TWO BUE 109-2 109-103 CONFIDENTIAL

BOMB MADE UP OF APPROXIMATELY FOUR KILOS OF TNT, WAS DETONATED BY AN AUTOMATIC TIMING DEVICE NEAR A RECREATION ROOM IN THE "CIRCULO MILITAR" (MILITARY CIRCLE), AN EXCLUSIVE CLUB FOR ARGENTINE ARMED FORCES OFFICERS IN DOWN TOWN BUENOS AIRES. AT THE TIME OF THE DETONATION, APPROXIMATELY 114 PERSONS, INCLUDING MILITARY OFFICERS AND THEIR FAMILIES, WERE VIEWING A FILM. FORTY-NINE INDIVIDUALS WERE INJURED AS A RESULT OF THE BOMBING, 19 BEING HOSPITALIZED. AMONG THE INJURED, WERE MANY WOMEN AND CHILDREN. TWO WOMEN LOST THEIR SIGHT DUE TO EXTENSIVE INJURIES RECEIVED. SHORTLY AFTER THE DETONATION, THE MONTONERO GUERRILLA ORGANIZATION TOOK CREDIT FOR THE BOMBING.

ON OCTOBER 17, 1976, A CONFIDENTIAL SOURCE ABROAD WHO IS AN OFFICIAL OF THE FEDERAL POLICE OF ARGENTINA (FPA), DEPARTMENT OF FEDERAL SECURITY (INTELLIGENCE DIVISION), PROVIDED THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION: ~~(S)~~ (U)

DURING THE LATE EVENING HOURS OF OCTOBER 17, 1976, NUMEROUS BOMB ATTACKS WERE CARRIED OUT THROUGHOUT THE CITY OF BUENOS AIRES BY UNIDENTIFIED TERRORISTS. THE PRINCIPAL TARGETS OF THESE BOMB ATTACKS WERE PARKED AUTOMOBILES AND BUSES, INCLUDING A COLOR TELEVISION TRANSMISSION TRUCK. A VEHICLE BELONGING TO THE U. S. ~~(S)~~ (U)

PAGE THREE BUE 109-2 109-103 CONFIDENTIAL

EMBASSY, BUENOS AIRES, BEARING DIPLOMATIC LICENSE TAGS, WAS
ATTACKED BY AN INCENDIARY BOMB THROWN FROM A PASSING AUTOMOBILE.
THE U. S. EMBASSY VEHICLE WAS BEING DRIVEN BY A CHAUFFEUR WHO
WAS UNHURT. MODERATE DAMAGE WAS CAUSED TO THE EMBASSY VEHICLE
AS A RESULT OF THE BOMBING. NO TERRORIST GROUP HAS TAKEN CREDIT
FOR THE AFOREMENTIONED ATTACK AGAINST THE U. S. EMBASSY VEHICLE. (S)

~~CLASSIFIED BY 5931 XCDS-2 INDEFINITE.~~

ADMINISTRATIVE:

THE EMBASSY VEHICLE WHICH WAS ATTACKED ON OCTOBER 17, 1976,
BELONGED TO THE DEFENSE ATTACHE'S OFFICE OF THE EMBASSY. THE
CHAUFFEUR WHO WAS DRIVING THE VEHICLE ADVISED HE DID NOT
DETECT ANY SURVEILLANCE AND BELIEVES THAT HE WAS THE VICTIM OF A
RANDOM ATTACK CARRIED OUT BY TERRORISTS.

LEGAT PERSONNEL CONTINUE TO TAKE STRINGENT SECURITY
PRECAUTIONS.

SOURCES ARE DR. ARTURO H. POIRE, SIDE and ~~XXXXX~~ CARLOS
VICENTE MARCOTTE. (S) (U)

COORDINATED LOCALLY.

BT

10/8/76

CODE

CABLE PRIORITY

P 08 Z OCT 76

FM BUENOS AIRES (109-2)(109-103)

TO DIRECTOR (109-12-201) PRIORITY 217-08

BT

~~C O N F I D E N T I A L~~

FOREIGN POLITICAL MATTERS - ARGENTINA; IS - ARGENTINA;
ARGENTINE TERRORIST ACTIVITIES; FPM - ARGENTINA.

ON OCTOBER 8, 1976, A CONFIDENTIAL SOURCE ABROAD, WHO IS AN OFFICIAL WITH THE FEDERAL POLICE OF ARGENTINA (FPA), DEPARTMENT OF FEDERAL SECURITY (INTELLIGENCE DIVISION), PROVIDED THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION: ~~(S)~~ (U)

DURING THE EVENING OF OCTOBER 7-8, 1976, IN COMMEMORATION OF THE CAPTURE AND DEATH OF ARGENTINE-BORN CUBAN GUERRILLA LEADER, ERNESTO CHE GUEVARA, ARGENTINE TERRORISTS CARRIED OUT A SERIES OF BOMBINGS IN THE FEDERAL CAPITAL OF BUENOS AIRES, PRIMARILY AGAINST THE SHOWROOMS OF FOREIGN CONTROLLED AUTOMOBILE COMPANIES. ONE OF THE SHOWROOMS OF THE FORD MOTOR COMPANY WAS BOMBED, AS WELL AS A BRANCH OF THE BANK OF BOSTON.

THERE WERE NO ~~XXXXXX~~ PHYSICAL INJURIES AS A RESULT OF THE BOMBINGS AND PROPERTY DAMAGE WAS GENERALLY REPORTED AS MODERATE.

~~CLASSIFIED BY 5931 XGDS-2 INDEFINITE~~

1 - 80 [MARCOTE] ~~(S)~~ (U)
rws;jn (3)

5/2/01
39063/BCE/gpl
~~CLASSIFIED BY 39063/BCE/gpl~~
C/d
1/6
Argentine Agent

- 217 -

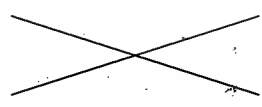
PAGE TWO BUE 109-2 109-103 C O N F I D E N T I A L

ADMINISTRATIVE

SOURCE IS COMISARIO MAYOR CARLOS VICENTE MARCOTE, DIRECTOR
OF OPERATIONS, FPA, DEPARTMENT OF FEDERAL SECURITY. ~~(S)~~ (U)

COORDINATED LOCALLY.

BT



10/4/76

CODE

CABLE **RRX** IMMEDIATE

O 04 Z OCT 76

FM AMEMBASSY BUENOS AIRES (109-2)(109-103)

TO DIRECTOR (109-12a201) PRIORITY -04

5/7/01
3063ELW/CE/ed
Argentine Projects

BT

~~C O N F I D E N T I A L~~

FOREIGN POLITICAL MATTERS - ARGENTINA; IS - ARGENTINA;
ARGENTINE TERRORIST ACTIVITIES; FPM - ARGENTINA.

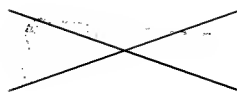
ON OCTOBER 4, 1976, A CONFIDENTIAL SOURCE ABROAD, WHO IS AN OFFICIAL WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF FEDERAL SECURITY (INTELLIGENCE DIVISION), FEDERAL POLICE OF ARGENTINA (FPA), PROVIDED THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION: ~~(S)~~ (U)

AT APPROXIMATELY 10:00 A.M., OCTOBER 4, 1976, A SUSPICIOUS VEHICLE WAS OBSERVED NEAR A PUBLIC PLAZA IN FRONT OF THE SHERATON HOTEL IN BUENOS AIRES, ARGENTINA. THE FPA BOMB SQUAD WAS CALLED AND ASCERTAINED THAT THE VEHICLE CONTAINED FIVE ARMED ROCKETS WHICH WERE AIMED AT THE SHERATON HOTEL AND WERE TO BE FIRED BY A TIMING DEVICE. THE ROCKETS WERE DEACTIVATED BY THE FPA BOMB SQUAD BEFORE THEY COULD BE FIRED. ~~(S)~~ (U)

A PREVIOUS ROCKET ATTACK WAS CARRIED OUT AGAINST THE SHERATON HOTEL UTILIZING THE SAME TYPE OF ROCKETS ON . ON THIS OCCASION ROCKETS REACHED THE UPPER FLOORS OF THE HOTEL AND UPON EXPLODING AGAINST THE BUILDING RELEASED PROPAGANDA TO ~~(S)~~ (U)

1 - 80-Marcote ~~(S)~~ (U)
RWS:jn (3)

80-



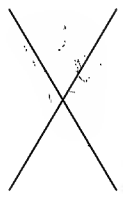
PAGE TWO ~~CONFIDENTIAL~~ BUE 109-2 109-103
COMMEMORATE THE DEATH OF SLAIN ARGENTINE-BORN CUBAN GUERRILLA
LEADER, ERNESTO CHE GUEVARA. ~~(S)~~ (U)

~~CLASSIFIED BY 3931 XGDS 2. INDEFINITE.~~

ADMINISTRATIVE (2 CR, 3 1f)

[SOURCE IS COMISARIO MAYOR CARLOS VICENTE MARCOTE, DEPARTMENT
OF FEDERAL SECURITY, FEDERAL POLICE OF ARGENTINA] ~~(S)~~ (U)
COORDINATED LOCALLY.

BT



~~SECRET~~

THE AMBASSADOR
VIA ACTING DCN

7/16/76

LEGAL ATTACHE ROBERT W. SCHERRER

10/27/95
SP6 Ag/CAF
(B) (S) (G)
Appeal # 90 0371
B9063ELW/005/CAF-5/7/01
Argentina Project

TERRORIST UTILIZATION OF
ROADBLOCKS POSING AS SECURITY FORCES

7-10-96 page 1 of 2 only
SP6 Ag/CAF/ML 10-4-96

On 7/15/76, an official of the Federal Police of Argentina (FPA), Department of Federal Security (Intelligence Division), provided the following information: (U)

Recently the Argentine Army Intelligence Service (SIR) circulated information to all Argentine security units indicating that information had been obtained from captured Montonero documents indicating that the Montoneros were working on plans to set up roadblocks posing as military and police personnel. The Montoneros were planning to attempt to identify military and police personnel passing through the roadblocks and assassinate them on the spot. (U)

On 7/16/76, an official of the Buenos Aires Provincial Police Intelligence Service provided the following information:

Recently the ERP set up a roadblock on the Panamerican Highway at Kilometer 46 under the pretext of being plainclothes Buenos Aires Provincial Police officers. Approximately 50 motorists were stopped and a monetary contribution to the ERP was demanded from each motorist. The motorists caught in the roadblock were given a receipt for their donation to the ERP and a large red ERP star was affixed to their windshield before they were allowed to leave the roadblock area. One unfortunate motorist proceeded directly to a Buenos Aires Provincial Police Sub-station and was assassinated by Buenos Aires Provincial Police guards outside of the Police Sub-station, who upon viewing the ERP star on the motorists's windshield, opened fire believing that an ERP attack against the Sub-station was about to commence.

With regard to Montonero plans to set up roadblocks to facilitate the assassination of military and police personnel, the FPA and the Argentine military have been utilizing extensive helicopter patrols throughout the Federal Capital and Buenos Aires Province, in order to detect any fraudulent roadblocks or checkpoints. ~~ITD Addressees~~ have been detected.

- 1 - PXL/R
 - 1 - SY
 - 1 - DAC
 - 5 - Buenos Aires (1 - 109-103)(109-38)
 [(1 - 105-767)(1-80Marcote)] (S) (U)
 (1 - 80-DeBaldrich)
- RWS:jn (10)

~~SECRET~~
Classified by 5931
Exempt from General Declassification
Schedule of Executive Order 11652
Exemption Category 3B(2)
Automatically declassified Indef

5-17-8

~~XXXXXXXXXX~~

TERRORIST UTILIZATION OF ROADBLOCKS POSING AS SECURITY FORCES

The FPA source noted that should the Montoneros put their plan into operation, their roadblocks would more than likely be established during the evening hours in order to avoid the possibility of helicopter detection and to minimize the opportunity of close examination of uniforms and presumed police and military vehicles utilized in the roadblock. This conclusion was arrived at since military and police personnel have expert knowledge of the correct uniforms of their services and also would easily be able to recognize a fictitious military or police vehicle, or one that was brought from another district to the location of the roadblock, should the Montoneros steal a vehicle. The FPA source noted that generally speaking, combined police and military units manned roadblocks in the Federal Capital and the areas of Buenos Aires Province close to the Federal Capital. In most instances the source noted that plainly marked Federal Police or Provincial Police cruisers are present in the immediate vicinity of the roadblock, as well as military vehicles. Thus the source noted that a roadblock manned by individuals in uniform of either the police or military without the presence of a vehicle from either the military or police forces would be highly suspicious. Additionally, should combinations of uniforms be used, i.e. part of the individuals in street uniforms with others in combat dress, this should be viewed with suspicion. (S)

(U)

The Buenos Aires Provincial Police source noted that his service conducted no roadblocks or checkpoints by police officers in civilian attire. Additionally, although unmarked police cruisers may be placed at a roadblock or checkpoint, there almost always is a marked cruiser on the scene. The source noted that any roadblock in Buenos Aires Province manned by individuals in civilian clothes with unmarked vehicles should be viewed with considerable suspicion and avoided if possible.

7/8/76

TELETYPE PRIORITY-URGENT

TO: DIRECTOR NR. -08
FROM: LEGAT, BUENOS AIRES (109-2) (109-103)

~~SECRET~~

FOREIGN POLITICAL MATTERS-ARGENTINA; IS-ARGENTINA; ARGENTINE
TERRORIST ACTIVITIES; FPM-ARGENTINA.

DURING THE EARLY MORNING HOURS OF JULY 4, 1976, THREE
ROMAN CATHOLIC PRIESTS AND TWO SEMINARIANS WERE BRUTALLY
MURDERED IN THE RECTORY OF ST. PATRICK'S CHURCH IN BELGRANO,
BUENOS AIRES FEDERAL CAPITAL. INITIAL REPORTS INDICATED
THAT A MESSAGE HAD BEEN SCRAWLED ON A DOOR IN CHALK TO
THE EFFECT THAT THE CLERGYMEN HAD BEEN ASSASSINATED IN
RETALIATION FOR THE TERRORIST BOMB ATTACK AGAINST THE
FEDERAL POLICE OF ARGENTINA (FPA) DEPARTMENT OF FEDERAL
SECURITY (DFS) HEADQUARTERS ON JULY 2, 1976, WHICH AS OF
JULY 8, 1976, CLAIMED 21 LIVES. THERE WAS WIDESPREAD
SPECULATION THAT THE AUTHORS OF THE ASSASSINATION OF THE
CLERGYMEN MAY HAVE BEEN MEMBERS OF THE ARGENTINE SECURITY
FORCES CARRYING OUT RETALIATION FOR THE JULY 2, 1976 FPA DFS

3 - Bue (109-2)
(109-103)
(80-217 [Marcote]) (S) (U)
RWS:gjk
(3)

5/7/01
DECLASSIFIED BY: 39063EW/ACE/cab
Argentina Project

80-217-6

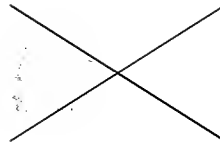
BUE 109-2; 109-103 PAGE TWO ~~SECRET~~

HEADQUARTERS BOMBING OR LEFTIST TERRORISTS WHO ASSASSINATED THE CLERGYMEN IN ORDER TO MAKE IT APPEAR THAT THE ARGENTINE MILITARY GOVERNMENT WAS RESPONSIBLE, THEREBY DISCREDITING THE GOVERNMENT.

ON JULY 7, 1976, INFORMATION WAS PASSED TO THE U. S. EMBASSY, BUENOS AIRES FROM AN EXTREMELY SENSITIVE SOURCE WHICH INDICATED THAT THE FIVE CLERGYMEN HAD BEEN ASSASSINATED BY A UNIT OF THE ARGENTINE ARMY INTELLIGENCE SERVICE (AAIS) WHO DISCOVERED THAT THE CLERGYMEN HAD BEEN HARBORING MONTONERO GUERRILLA LEADER MARIO EDUARDO FIRMENICH. INFORMATION WAS ALSO PASSED TO THE U. S. EMBASSY BY THIS SAME SOURCE INDICATING THAT THE AAIS HAD ALSO MURDERED THREE ROMAN CATHOLIC NUNS WHO HAD FACILITATED FIRMENICH'S ESCAPE FROM ST. PATRICK'S ON JULY 4, 1976. ~~(S)~~ (U)

ON JULY 7, 1976, A CONFIDENTIAL SOURCE ABROAD WHO IS A RANKING OFFICER OF THE FPA DFS, PROVIDED THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION: ~~(S)~~ (U)

AFTER THE JULY 2, 1976 MONTONERO GUERRILLA ORGANIZATION BOMBING OF FPA DFS HEADQUARTERS, NUMEROUS FPA OFFICERS EMBARKED UPON ACTIVITIES TO RETALIATE AGAINST THE TERRORISTS ~~(S)~~ (U)



BUE 109-2; 109-103 PAGE THREE ~~SECRET~~

TARGET FOR THE JULY 2, 1976 BOMBING WHEREIN MANY OF THEIR FRIENDS WERE KILLED AND MAIMED. A GROUP OF SIX FPA NON-COMMISSIONED OFFICERS HAD INFORMATION INDICATING THAT TWO SEMINARIANS ATTACHED TO ST. PATRICK'S PARISH IN BELGRANO WERE ACTIVELY ENGAGED IN PROPAGANDA ACTIVITIES AT THE OFFICE OF THE THIRD WORLD MOVEMENT LOCATED A FEW BLOCKS FROM ST. PATRICK'S CHURCH. ~~(S)~~ (U)

THE THIRD WORLD MOVEMENT IS CONSIDERED BY MANY TO BE MARXIST-ORIENTED.

THESE SIX FPA NON-COMMISSIONED OFFICERS, WITHOUT ANY HIGHER AUTHORITY, DECIDED TO CARRY OUT A RETALIATORY ATTACK AGAINST THE TWO SEMINARIANS, WHICH RESULTED IN THE JULY 4, 1976 MURDER OF THE THREE PRIESTS AND TWO SEMINARIANS. IT WAS EMPHASIZED THAT THE ASSASSINATION OF THE CLERGYMEN WAS CARRIED OUT WITHOUT ANY SANCTION OR AUTHORITY OF FPA SUPERIOR OFFICERS OR ANY ENTITY OF THE ARGENTINE GOVERNMENT. ~~(S)~~ (U)

INFORMATION CONCERNING THE ASSASSINATION OF THREE NUNS PROVIDED TO THE U. S. EMBASSY ON JULY 7, 1976, AS NOTED ABOVE, IS COMPLETELY ERRONEOUS, IT BEING NOTED THAT NO CATHOLIC NUNS WERE ASSASSINATED OR MISSING DURING THE PERTINENT PERIOD. ~~(S)~~ (U)

BUE 109-2; 109-103 PAGE FOUR ~~SECRET~~

THE SOURCE OFFERED HIS PERSONAL OPINION THAT INFORMATION PASSED TO THE U. S. EMBASSY ON JULY 7, 1976 WAS PROBABLY A MISGUIDED EFFORT TO MISINFORM U. S. EMBASSY REGARDING THE ALLEGED PRESENCE OF A RANKING TERRORIST LEADER AT ST. PATRICK'S PARISH IN ORDER TO GET SOME JUSTIFICATION TO THE ATROCIOUS MURDER OF THE FIVE CLERGYMEN ON JULY 4, 1976. ~~(S)~~ (U)

~~CLASSIFIED BY 5931 XGDS-2.~~

ADMINISTRATIVE.. ~~XXXXX~~ THE SOURCE IS COMISARIO MAYOR CARLOS VICENTE MARCOTE, ACTING DIRECTOR, FPA DFS. ~~(S)~~ (U)
COORDINATED LOCALLY.

THE FOREGOING INFORMATION WAS PERSONALLY DISCUSSED WITH ~~THE~~ AMBASSADOR HILL, WHO WAS DEEPLY DISTURBED AT ITS CONTENT. INFORMATION PROVIDED TO THE U.S. EMBASSY DURING THE MORNING OF JULY 7, 1976, REFERRED TO ABOVE, WAS ALLEGEDLY MADE AVAILABLE TO THE EMBASSY'S SECURITY OFFICER BY A MEMBER OF PRESIDENT VIDELA'S PRESS OFFICE. DURING THE MORNING OF JULY 8, 1976, THE AMBASSADOR ADVISED ME THAT HE WAS VISITED BY THE PAPAL NUNCIO, WHO CONFIRMED THAT THE STORY CONCERNING THE THREE NUNS HAVING BEEN ASSASSINATED IS COMPLETELY WITHOUT ~~(S)~~ (U)

~~SECRET~~

BUE 109-2; 109-103 PAGE FIVE ~~SECRET~~

FOUNDATION, AS WELL AS THE ALLEGATION THAT MARIO FIRMENICH WAS BEING HARBORED AT ST. PATRICK'S PARISH. THE PAPAL NUNCIO TOLD THE AMBASSADOR THAT ONE OF THE TWO ASSASSINATED SEMINARIANS DEFINITELY HAD QUESTIONABLE CONNECTIONS AND THAT THE ROMAN CATHOLIC HIERARCHY IN ARGENTINA, INCLUDING CARDINAL ARAMBURU, WERE CONVINCED THAT THE MOTIVATION FOR THE ASSASSINATION OF THE FIVE CLERGYMEN ON JULY 4, 1976 WAS POLICE RETALIATION FOR THE JULY 2, 1976 FPA DFS BOMBING. ~~(S)~~ (U)

INFORMATION CONCERNING THE ALLEGED HARBORING OF MARIO FIRMENICH BY THE ASSASSINATED CLERGYMEN AT ST. PATRICK'S E PARISH AND ERRONEOUS INFORMATION CONCERNING THE MURDER OF THREE CATHOLIC NUNS WAS REPORTED BY THE U. S. EMBASSY IN BUENOS AIRES IN A U. S. DEPARTMENT OF STATE TELEGRAM ON JULY 7, 1976. THIS U. S. DEPARTMENT OF STATE TELEGRAM WAS HIGHLY CLASSIFIED AND WAS RESTRICTED FROM NORMAL DISTRIBUTION AND DISSEMINATION. ~~(S)~~ (U)

END

~~SECRET~~

7/7/76

TELETYPE

URGENT

TO: DIRECTOR

NR.

-07

FROM: LEGAT, BUENOS AIRES (109-2) (109-103)

~~SECRET~~

FOREIGN POLITICAL MATTERS-ARGENTINA; IS-ARGENTINA; ARGENTINE
TERRORIST ACTIVITIES; FPM-ARGENTINA.

ON JULY 6, 1976, A CONFIDENTIAL SOURCE AEROAD WHO IS
A RANKING OFFICIAL OF THE FEDERAL POLICE OF ARGENTINA (FPA)
DEPARTMENT OF FEDERAL SECURITY (DFS) (INTELLIGENCE DIVISION)
PROVIDED THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION: ~~(S)~~ (U)

DURING THE AFTERNOON OF JULY 6, 1976, THE WIFE OF AN FPA
DFS COMMISSIONED OFFICER WAS KIDNAPPED IN THE FEDERAL CAPITAL
BY UNKNOWN SUBJECTS PRESUMED TO BE TERRORISTS. AS OF THE
EVENING OF JULY 6, 1976 NO COMMUNICATION HAD BEEN RECEIVED
FROM THE KIDNAPPERS. ~~(S)~~ (U)

THE DEATH TOLL FROM THE JULY 2, 1976 MONTONERO TERRORIST
ORGANIZATION BOMBING OF DFS HEADQUARTERS ROSE TO 20 ON JULY
6, 1976, WHEN TWO OTHER INDIVIDUALS DIED OF THEIR INJURIES. ~~(S)~~ (U)

- 3 - Bue (109-2)
- (1 - 109-103)
- (1 - 80-

RWS:gjk
(3)

[Marcotte] ~~(S)~~ (U)

5/7/01
 CLASSIFIED BY 39063 EAP/BCB/cpb
 AUTHORITY: E.O. 11652
 DATE: 5/7/01
 ARGENTINA PROJECT
 UTL BU original
 100-217-5

~~SECRET~~

BUE 109-2 109-103 PAGE TWO ~~SECRET~~

THE FPA BOMB SQUAD COMPLETED THEIR ANALYSIS OF THE JULY 2, 1976 MONTONERO BOMBING OF DFS HEADQUARTERS AND CONCLUDED THAT THE BOMB WAS COMPOSED OF AT LEAST EIGHT KILOS OF TROTYL, SIMILAR TO PLASTIC EXPLOSIVES, AND HAD BEEN FABRICATED IN THE FORM OF A CLAYMORE-TYPE BOMB UTILIZING BALL BEARINGS TO INSURE HEAVIER PERSONNEL CASUALTIES. A SECOND BOMB WAS DISCOVERED ON JULY 2, 1976 IN A LAVATORY AT DFS HEADQUARTERS BUT HAD BEEN DEFUSED BY FPA EXPLOSIVE EXPERTS. THE FPA BOMB SQUAD CONCLUDED THAT SHOULD THE SECOND BOMB HAVE DETONATED, IT WOULD HAVE VIRTUALLY LEVELLED DFS HEADQUARTERS. ~~(S)~~ (U)

AS ANTICIPATED, THE ARGENTINE MINISTRY OF THE INTERIOR CONFIRMED THE APPOINTMENT OF BRIGADIER GENERAL EDMUNDO OJEDA AS CHIEF OF THE FPA. ~~(S)~~ (U)

~~CLASSIFIED BY 5931 XGDS 2 AND 4.~~

ADMINISTRATIVE. REMYCABLE JULY 6, 1976.

SOURCE IS COMISARIO MAYOR CARLOS VICENTE MARCOTTE, ACTING DIRECTOR OF DFS. ~~(S)~~ (U)

END

7/2/76

CODE

CABLE IMMEDIATE (O)

TO: DIRECTOR (109-12-201) NR. 153-02
FROM: LEGAT BUENOS AIRES (109-2)(109-103)

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

FOREIGN POLITICAL MATTERS - ARGENTINA; IS - ARGENTINA;
ARGENTINE TERRORIST ACTIVITIES; FPM - ARGENTINA.

ON JULY 2, 1976, AN OFFICIAL OF THE FEDERAL POLICE OF
ARGENTINA (FPA), DEPARTMENT OF FEDERAL SECURITY (INTELLIGENCE
DIVISION), PROVIDED THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION: ~~(S)~~ (U)

AT THE NOONTIME LUNCH HOUR AT FPA DEPARTMENT OF FEDERAL
SECURITY HEADQUARTERS, A POWERFUL BOMB DETONATED IN THE CAFETERIA
KILLING AT LEAST TWENTY-FIVE FPA OFFICIALS AND EMPLOYEES AND
INJURING OVER THIRTY INDIVIDUALS. THE MONTONERO GUERRILLA
ORGANIZATION CLAIM CREDIT FOR THIS ATROCITY. ~~(S)~~ (U)

COORDINATED LOCALLY.

~~CLASSIFIED BY 5931 XGDS-2 INDEFINITE.~~

ADMINISTRATIVE - [SOURCE IS COMISARIO MAYOR CARLOS VICENTE
MARCOTE, DEPUTY DIRECTOR, DEPARTMENT OF FEDERAL SECURITY, FPA.] ~~(S)~~ (U)

END.

1 - 105-767
1 - 80-217 [MARCOTE] ~~(S)~~ (U)
RWS:jn (4)

~~SP6Ag/CAL
d
6
Appeal #90-0371
39063EW/BCE/pl 5/7/01~~

80-217-4

~~7-10-96 page 1 only
SP6Ag/CAL/PLK 10-3-96~~

~~SECRET~~

THE AMBASSADOR
VIA THE DCM

4/5/76

LEGAL ATTACHE ROBERT W. SCHERREER

ERP

On 4/2/76, an official of the Federal Police of Argentina (FPA), Department of Federal Security (Intelligence Division) provided the following data: ~~(S)~~ (U)

During the week of 3/29/76, the FPA Department of Federal Security received information from a retired Argentine Army Major indicating that the quintero at the latter's rented quinta in Moreno, Buenos Aires Province, reported that his suspicions had been aroused by unusual movement and the arrival of a number of strangers at the quinta. The quintero reported that the leasees, a young married couple, had explained the foregoing by explaining that a family reunion was taking place; however, the quintero reported that the leasees had acted in an extremely nervous manner and that he doubted the family reunion story since only young persons in their early twenties and thirties had arrived with no older individuals falling into the age categories of parents, uncles, aunts, etc., or small children were in evidence. ~~(S)~~ (U)

The FPA, Department of Federal Security, dispatched three officers to investigate. These FPA officers traveled to Moreno in an FPA vehicle which had an inoperative FPA radio. Upon arriving in Moreno, the FPA officers checked in with the local Buenos Aires Provincial Police (BAPP) comisaria to identify themselves, explain the purpose of their mission and request BAPP support. The BAPP Comisario assigned eight BAPP officers to accompany the three FPA officers who proceeded directly to the Major's rented quinta. No neighborhood inquiries ~~(S)~~

- cc's: 1 - Addressee
- 1 - POL/R
- 1 - DAO
- 1 - Security

- 5 - Bue (109-38)
- (105-1097 Santurcho)
- (105-1102 (Domingo Mena)
- 109-103
- 80-217 (Comisario Mayor Marcote) ~~(S)~~ (U)
- RWS:gjk
- (10)

~~SECRET~~
Classified By 5931
Exempt from General Declassification
Schedule of Executive Order 11652
Exemption Category 5B(2)
Automatically declassified on Indefinite

~~5/2/01~~
~~7003 ELW/ACS/cpl~~
~~1/6~~
Argentina Project

~~SECRET~~

80-217-3

~~SECRET~~

RE: ERP

were conducted and the officers approached the quinta openly. They were greeted by a hail of bullets from a large number of automatic weapons and a violent firefight ensued. The police officers soon ran out of ammunition and by the time reinforcements arrived the majority of individuals inside the quinta managed to escape. Fourteen terrorists were killed in the immediate vicinity of the quinta. (S) (U)

Subsequent investigation established that the quinta was being used for a high level policy meeting of the PRT/PST and the ERP, which was attended by between fifty and sixty ranking leaders of these organizations, including MARIO ROBERTO SANTUCHO and DOMINGO MENA (who escaped). Authorities did recover a large number of valuable documents, including tapes, which are being processed and analyzed. (S) (U)

The Argentine Army, which is responsible for ERP repression, was incensed over the bungling of the FPA operation at the quinta and the failure of the FPA to at least inform the Army of the information provided by the retired Army Major. (S) (U)

The foregoing should not be discussed with any foreign officials, including those of the Argentine Government.

~~SECRET~~

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

THE AMBASSADOR
VIA ACTING OCM

2/20/76

ROBERT W. SCHERRER, LEGAL ATTACHE

[FEDERAL POLICE OF ARGENTINA (FPA)] ~~(S)~~ (U)

Reference my memo dated 2/10/76 under the above caption, which reported that the recently installed FPA Chief, General ALBANO HARGUINDEGUY, intended to press for the appointment of active duty military officers to key positions in FPA Intelligence, specifically the Director of Federal Security. ~~(S)~~ (U)

On 2/19/76, a ranking official of the FPA provided the following information: ~~(S)~~ (U)

During the past several days, there has been a flurry of rumors circulating at FPA Headquarters, indicating that General HARGUINDEGUY intended to appoint Argentine Army Colonel TEPELINO as the Chief of the FPA Estado Mayor. Additionally, rumors indicated that General HARGUINDEGUY intended to install Colonel RAO, who currently holds an intelligence function in the Argentine Army First Corps at Palermo, as the Director of Federal Security. The latter rumor was so definite, that several FPA officials reported that the installation ceremony for Colonel RAO would be held on 2/19/76. ~~(S)~~ (U)

General HARGUINDEGUY is holding off on any further action with regard to replacing career FPA officers with military personnel, inasmuch as during the morning of 2/19/76 a delegation of senior FPA Comisario Generales and Comisario Mayores informed General HARGUINDEGUY that should either Colonel TEPELINO or Colonel RAO replace a career FPA officer, then all career active duty FPA Comisario Generales and Comisario Mayores would resign en masse in order to protest. ~~(S)~~ (U)

- 1 - Addressee
 - 1 - POL
 - 1 - POL/R
 - 1 - DAC
 - 1 - SY
 - 2 - Buenos Aires
 - (1 - 64-2)
 - (1 - 80-[MARCOTE]) ~~(S)~~ (U)
- RWS:jn
(7)

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~
Classified by 5931
Exempt from General Declassification
Schedule of Executive Order 11652
Exemption Category 5B(2)
Automatically declassified on Indef

5/2/01
39263ELW/BC/CPK
4-1-16

86-217-2

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

FEDERAL POLICE OF ARGENTINA (FPA) ~~(S)~~ (U)

It should be noted that the mass resignation of all FPA Comisario Generales and Comisario Mayores would leave the FPA in an unmanageable state, since the incumbent Comisario Generales and Comisario Mayores are relatively inexperienced in senior command functions due to the recent frequent turnover within these ranks due to the many changes of the FPA Chiefs over the past several years. However, although the incumbent Comisario Generales and Comisario Mayores are relatively inexperienced, they are veterans compared to those immediately junior in rank to them. The FPA sorely needs at least a year of stability in senior officer ranks, in order to allow middle grade officers sufficient seasoning to take over the senior grade positions when vacated. ~~(S)~~ (U)

The foregoing should not be discussed with any foreign officials including those of the Argentine Government.

~~SECRET~~

2/20/76

CODE

CABLE URGENT (PRIORITY)

TO: DIRECTOR (109-12-201) NR. 030-20
FROM: LEGAT BUENOS AIRES (109-2)

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

FOREIGN POLITICAL MATTERS - ARGENTINA; IS - ARGENTINA.

ON FEBRUARY 19, 1976, A CONFIDENTIAL SOURCE ABROAD, WHO IS A SENIOR OFFICER OF THE FEDERAL POLICE OF ARGENTINA (FPA), CURRENTLY ASSIGNED TO THE DEPARTMENT OF FEDERAL SECURITY (POLICE INTELLIGENCE), PROVIDED THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION: ~~(S)~~ (U)

DURING LATE JANUARY 1976, BRIGADIER GENERAL ALBANO EDUARDO HARGUINDEGUY, AN ACTIVE DUTY ARGENTINE ARMY GENERAL, WAS APPOINTED TO THE POSITION OF CHIEF OF THE FEDERAL POLICE OF ARGENTINA (FPA), REPLACING A CAREER FPA OFFICER AS CHIEF. DURING THE PAST SEVERAL WEEKS, GENERAL HARGUINDEGUY HAS INDICATED TO CONFIDANTS IN THE FPA, THAT HE DESIRES TO FILL CERTAIN KEY POSITIONS CURRENTLY OCCUPIED IN THE FPA BY CAREER FPA OFFICERS WITH ARGENTINE MILITARY PERSONNEL. GENERAL HARGUINDEGUY INDICATED THAT THE REASON FOR HIS DESIRE TO INCORPORATE ARGENTINE MILITARY PERSONNEL IN KEY FPA POSITIONS WAS TO INSURE THAT THE FPA WAS COMPLETELY RESPONSIVE TO THE ARGENTINE MILITARY AND NOT TO THE ARGENTINE MINISTER OF THE INTERIOR, UNDER WHOSE ~~(S)~~ (U)

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

1 - 64-2
1 - 80-Marcote] ~~(S)~~ (U)
RWS:jn (3)

~~SECRET~~
5/21/01
90-351W/BCE/cpt
1/4
Argentina Project

80-217-1

PAGE TWO

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

BUE 109-2)

AUTHORITY THE FPA NORMALLY OPERATES. GENERAL HARGUINDEGUY INDICATED THAT AN ACTIVE DUTY MILITARY OFFICER, SERVING IN THE FPA, WOULD BE RESPONSIVE TO THE ORDERS OF THE COMMANDER IN CHIEF OF THE RESPECTIVE MILITARY SERVICE, WHEREAS A CAREER FPA OFFICER WILL OBVIOUSLY HAVE TO FOLLOW THE ORDERS OF THE MINISTER OF THE INTERIOR, SHOULD A CONFLICT ARISE BETWEEN THE ORDERS ISSUED BY A MILITARY FPA CHIEF AND THE CIVILIAN MINISTER OF THE INTERIOR. ~~(S)~~-(U)

GENERAL HARGUINDEGUY LET IT BE KNOWN THAT HE INTENDED TO INSTALL ACTIVE ARGENTINE ARMY COLONELS IN THE POSITIONS OF FPA CHIEF OF THE ESTADO MAYOR (HIGH COMMAND) AND THE DIRECTOR OF FEDERAL SECURITY (POLICE INTELLIGENCE). DURING THE MORNING OF FEBRUARY 19, 1976, A DELEGATION OF INCUMBENT FPA COMISARIO GENERALES AND COMISARIO MAYORES INFORMED GENERAL HARGUINDEGUY THAT SHOULD HE REPLACE ANY INCUMBENT FPA CAREER OFFICER WITH MILITARY PERSONNEL, EVERY COMISARIO GENERAL AND COMISARIO MAYOR PRESENTLY SERVING IN THE FPA WOULD RESIGN IN PROTEST. SUCH A MASS RESIGNATION WOULD CAUSE HAVOC IN THE COMMAND STRUCTURE ~~(S)~~-(U)

END PAGE TWO

PAGE THREE

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

BUE 109-2

OF THE FPA AND MAKE IT VIRTUALLY UNMANAGEABLE. FOR THE TIME
BEING GENERAL HARGUINDEGUY HAS BACKED DOWN FROM HIS INTENTION
OF INSTALLING ARMY OFFICERS IN THE TWO AFOREMENTIONED FPA
POSITIONS. ~~(S)~~ (U)

~~CLASSIFIED BY 5931 XGDS-2 INDEFINITE.~~

ADMINISTRATIVE - [SOURCE IS COMISARIO MAYOR CARLOS VICENTE
MARCOTE, DEPUTY DIRECTOR, DEPARTMENT OF FEDERAL SECURITY,
FPA.] ~~(S)~~ (U)

COORDINATED LOCALLY.

END.